

**Amendment No. 1 to HB2874**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2820\***

**House Bill No. 2874**

By deleting all WHEREAS clauses in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, the flag of the State of Tennessee was designed by LeRoy Reeves of the Third Regiment, Tennessee Infantry; and

WHEREAS, this flag was adopted as the official flag of the State of Tennessee by the General Assembly on April 17, 1905; and

WHEREAS, our flag (a design of three white stars representing the three grand divisions of the State bound together by the endless circle on a field of blue, symbolizing an insoluble trinity, all placed on a solid field of crimson) waves proudly as the most recognizable symbol of our State; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Steele Harrison, State Regent of The Tennessee Society, Daughters of the American Revolution from 1980-1983, composed a stirring salute to the Tennessee flag, which was subsequently designated "the official salute to the flag of Tennessee" by Senate Joint Resolution No. 63 of the 92nd General Assembly adopted on March 5, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Miss John Bostick, native of Tennessee, state and legislative employee, and first woman from Williamson County to be licensed to practice law in Tennessee, realizing during the 1986 Tennessee Homecoming '86 celebration that Tennessee did not have an official "Salute to the Tennessee Flag", penned such a verse that was officially recognized as such by Senate Joint Resolution No. 23 of the 95<sup>th</sup> General Assembly adopted on 17 February, 1987; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this General Assembly honor all Tennesseans who have demonstrated their love of and dedication to this state and of the proud Tennessee flag by writing officially recognized salutes to that banner's continuing glory and beauty; and

WHEREAS, because of the enduring patriotism of Mrs. Harrison and Miss John Bostick, this General Assembly desires to make these official designations more formal; now, therefore, by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new Section 4-1-329:

§ 4-1-329.

(a) The following salute written by Lucy Steele Harrison is designated and adopted as an official salute to the flag of Tennessee:

*"Three white stars on a field of blue  
God keep them strong and ever true  
It is with pride and love that we  
Salute the Flag of Tennessee."*

(b) The following salute written by Miss John Bostick is designated and adopted as an official salute to the flag of Tennessee:

*"Flag of Tennessee, I salute thee  
To thee I pledge my allegiance with  
My affection, my service and my life."*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.